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SUBJECT: GROMYKO ON SPECIAL UN DISARMAMENT SESSION AND CSCE

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1. "BORBA" AND "POLITIKA" OCTOBER 6 CARRY IDENTICAL TANJUG  
ACCOUNT OF INTERVIEW WITH GROMKO AT CONCLUSION OF HIS  
TWO-DAY STOPOVER IN BRUSSELS. ON DISARMAMENT GROMYKO  
REPORTEDLY CONVEYED SOVIET GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT FOR  
YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL REGARDING UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DIS-  
ARMAMENT (UNSSD). CONTRASTING NEED TO DISCUSS "ARMAMENT  
RACE IN THE WORLD" WITH BRIED TIME UNGA ALLOWS FOR DISCUSSION,  
GROMYKO SAID, "WE THINK THAT THIS UN SESSION COULD AT THE SAME  
TIME BE A SIGNIFICANT STEP TO THE LATER CONVENING OF A  
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WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE, OF WHICH, AS IS KNOWN, WE ARE

THE INITIATORS." GROMYKO ADDED THAT YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL WAS VERY USEFUL AND THAT THERE "IS NO COLLISION" BETWEEN THE TWO PROPOSALS.

2. ON CSCE, GROMYKO EXPECTS BELGRADE 77 "TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUTURE REALIZATION" OF THE HELSINKI ACCORDS. TANJUG ACCOUNT STATES THAT IN GROMYKO'S "OPINION, WHICH HE BELIEVES IS SHARED BY MANY WESTERN COUNTRIES, ABOVE ALL THE U.S., THE BELGRADE MEETING WHICH WILL BE DEDICATED TO AN ANALYSIS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HELSINKI CONCLUSIONS, 'SHOULD BE TURNED TO THE FUTURE'." IF ALL PARTICIPANTS AT BELGRADE 77 TAKE A "POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH", GROMYKO SUGGESTS, THEN THE MEETING WILL BE SUCCESSFUL.

3. COMMENT: YUGOSLAVS HAVE KNOWN (REFTEL) THAT SOVIETS WANT ANY UNSSD TIED TO WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE (WDC). IN COVERING GROMYKO'S UNGA ADDRESS, TANJUG SEEMED ALMOST DISAPPOINTED IN INDICATING THAT BURIED IN GROMYKO'S SPEECH WAS REFERENCE TO A UN DISARMAMENT MEETING BEING ONLY BENEFICIAL AS PREPARATORY TO A WDC. DURING THE MINIC-GROMYKO BILATERAL IN NY, TANJUG STATED INTER ALIA THE YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTER INFORMED GROMYKO ON NON-ALIGNED DEVELOPMENTS AS WELL AS THE PROPOSAL FOR A UNSSD.

4. GROMYKO'S RESPONSE TO TANJUG QUERY IN BRUSSELS APPEARS TO HAVE CONTAINED LESS THAN WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT FOR THE UNSSD IN ITS OWN RIGHT. YET YUGOSLAV PRESS HEADLINES (BORBA: USSR SUPPORTS TITO'S PROPOSAL; POLITIKA: USSR ACCEPTS YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL ON UN SPECIAL SESSION) AND TANJUG'S LEAD WOULD HAVE READERS BELIEVE OTHERWISE.

5. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT YUGOSLAVS ARE CEASELESSLY PRESSING FOR UNGA TO ADOPT PROPOSAL FOR UNSSD, WHICH TITO SUGGESTED AT COLOMBO NAC, AND WISH DEMONSTRATE UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT WITHIN WORLD COMMUNITY.

6. REGARDING CSCE, YUGOSLAVS ARE TAKING EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO HIGHLIGHT INTEREST AND "IMPORTANCE" OF BELGRADE 77. SILBERMAN

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